

**MurrENEWS – November 16, 2007**  
**Murray City School District, Murray, UT**  
***Educating Murray since 1906!***

**MurrE-QUOTE**

Over the river and through the wood,  
To grandfather's house we go;  
The horse knows the way To carry the sleigh,  
Through the white and drifted snow.

– Lydia M. Child, from *Flowers for Children-Thanksgiving Day*

*(After singing "Over the River and Through the Woods to Grandmother's House We Go" on A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving TV special)*

Charlie Brown: Well, there's only one thing wrong with that.

Linus: What's that, Charlie Brown?

Charlie Brown: My grandmother lives in a condominium.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING WISHES**  
**TO ALL MURRAY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES**

*(Just don't eat too much!)*

**NEW DISTRICT NURSE**

Hsiaoming (pronounced shaw-ming) Peng has been hired to fill out the district nursing staff after the resignation of Janet Bryner earlier this school year. Hsiaoming's responsibilities include overseeing medical needs in Murray district secondary schools; district nurse Shanda Echohawk will continue to oversee all elementary schools and part-district nurse Shawne Winters has responsibilities at Parkside Elementary. Hsiaoming received her undergraduate training from National Taiwan University and a Master's degree in Nursing from the University of Washington Family and Child Nursing department. She was raised in Taiwan and became a US citizen this year in June. Hsiaoming is married and has a 4 year old son. Welcome, Hsiaoming!

**MURRAY STUDENT WINNER OF ESSAY CONTEST**

Hillcrest JH student Aubriann Tyler was named a winner in the Macy's 2007 *Follow A Leader* contest. Aubriann's winning essay was about Kyle Wittingham. She was awarded a \$1000 US Savings Bond, honored at a Nov. 9 luncheon and had the chance to meet and schedule a day with Mr. Wittingham.

**2007-2008 GIRLS' LEADERSHIP FORUM**

Junior high girls from the Murray City School District will be participating again this year in the Girls Leadership Forum. There are several forum meetings planned for each school with training sessions provided by University of Utah social work staff. The following students were selected through teacher and faculty recommendation:

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade/Hillcrest:** Brooklyn Brewer, Alex Buchanan, McKaela Evertsen, Alexis Godfrey, Daryl Gustafson, Marcy Harris, McKayla Jacobson, Becky Jessop, Danielle Johnson, Finau Katoa, Emma Kjar, Amanda Lundberg, Paige Lundeen, Madison Marsh, Sydney Martinez, Sierra Nordahl, Jessica Quiroz, Melanie Ririe, Natalie Sefilian, Katie Woodmansee

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade/Riverview:** Mariana Alvarez, Brooke Barker, Kara Burrell, Kallie Cude, Terilyn Dalley, Rebeka Martins, Sydney Maxfield, Bethany Orullian

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade/Hillcrest:** Anastasia Athens, Vanessa Flores, Daryl Goettsche, Chantelle Goudie, Josilyn Harsh, Paige Henry, Jordan Jobe, McKay Pier, Miriam Rivera, Vanessa Rolle, Jacqueline Rosen, Kalli Searle, Madelene Simon, Daniela Velasquez, Korrine Woodmansee

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade/Riverview:** Annie DeSantis, Kali Hampton, Whitney Hatch, Alyse Horton, Jenna Lewis, Katie Murdoch, Mikell Rudarmel, Suzi Varner, Rachel Voorhees, Alisha Walker, Ashten Watts

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade/Hillcrest:** Emily Adams, Rebecca Baldrige, Ana Bentz, Taylor Gallegos, Alexandria Grow, Alex Jarvis, Madison Mahoskey, Emily Mann, Stephanie Marsh, Christina McBride, Taylor Richmond, Mallory Schofield, Katelyn Sorenson, Nechia Thomas, Aubriann Tyler

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade/Riverview:** Kristina Balay, Savannah Gregory, Emily Pace, Kylee Carroll, Cassidee Steadman, Kaysha Rytting, Katie Lake, Mindi Smith, Misti Smith

### **KINDERGARTEN BOOK DRIVE AT VIEWMONT ELEMENTARY**

Mrs. Lightfoot's kindergarten is working to help fellow kindergarten students in the Louisiana Recovery School District by organizing a book drive to donate books to help them build a classroom library. The Recovery School District is in the heart of New Orleans. In November 2005, following Hurricane Katrina, the Louisiana Dept. of Education passed a law directing the RSD to take over any New Orleans public school that had a school performance score that was academically below average. It covers parts of New Orleans that were so hard hit by Katrina. Viewmont kindergartners are asking for donations of new or gently used picture books in good condition and appropriate for five and six year old children. They will be collecting books until Wed., Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> to send the books to New Orleans in time for Christmas. A sponsor to donate the cost of shipping the books would be a great help also. If you have questions about donating to this worthwhile project, contact Mrs. Lightfoot at 264-7438; email [jlightfoot@murrayschools.org](mailto:jlightfoot@murrayschools.org)

### **MURRAY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS:**

#### **MEA – Murray Education Association (for licensed staff/teachers)**

President: Karen Smith, Riverview JH  
Vice President: Shawn Johnson, Horizon Elementary  
Secretary: Pamela Mantle, Riverview JH  
Board Member: Judy Mahoskey, Liberty Elementary  
Board Member: Issachar Beh, MHS  
Board Member: Hilary Moore, MHS  
Board Member: Kristy Johnson, Parkside Elementary

MEF President Karen Smith and Vice President Shawn Johnson are both members of the Wasatch Uniserv Council (represents local associations at the state level) and the UEA Council of Local Presidents (comprised of all Local Association Presidents in the state).

#### **MCEA – Murray Classified Employees Association (for classified employees/support staff)**

President: Denise McDougal, DO administrative assistant/HR  
Vice President: Mitch McMillan, head custodian, McMillan Elementary  
Board Member/Teaching Assistants: Kathy Anderson, library media aide, Grant Elementary  
Board Member/Custodial: Jerry Hansen, head custodian, Grant Elementary  
Board Member/Maintenance: Charles Hollister, district electrician  
Board Member/Child Nutrition: Stephanie Fry, kitchen lead, MHS  
Board Member/Secretarial: Judy Anderson, administrative secretary, MHS  
Board Member/Transportation: Terri Campbell, bus driver  
Board Member/Warehouse: Lewis Pike, district office warehouseman

MCEA President Denise McDougal has been appointed to serve a one year term on the Resolutions (At-Large) Committee of the National Education Association. The purpose of the Resolution Committee is to draft and review proposals for consideration by the NEA delegates to the yearly NEA national convention.

### **DISTRICT FLU SHOT CLINIC**

The district is offering an employee flu clinic for employees who have health insurance under the District's health insurance plan Tues, Nov. 20 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the district office boardroom. Family members covered under the plan over the age of 18 are also eligible to participate in this flu shot clinic. Be sure to bring your insurance card with you. To sign up, contact Denise McDougal at the DO. **We are unable to offer the flu clinic to employees not covered under the district's health insurance plan because there were not enough individuals expressing interest.** There will be flu clinic tomorrow, Saturday, November 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Murray Costco for \$20. This is the last flu shot clinic being offered by Costco.

### **CHINESE TEACHERS VISIT MURRAY SCHOOLS**

A group of education ministers and master teachers from the Hanban region of Japan visited two Murray schools on Nov. 7 to share a language and cultural presentation with students. Chinese teachers, having taught for 2 years in American schools, visited MHS and Hillcrest JH. The American Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages sponsored this group which traveled to Utah, Nevada, Michigan and New Jersey to promote Chinese language and culture within American classrooms. In Utah, they visited Alpine, Granite, Davis, Washington County and the Murray school districts. Director of Curriculum Carolyn Schubach coordinated for Murray. Greg Roberts, USOE World Language Specialist, escorted the following presenters and delegates:

Ms. Yehong Mei - Hanban Representative

Ms. Zhichang Zhou - Language Presenter, Hanban Officer

Mr. Likui Meng - Culture Presenter

Mr. Hengzheng Xu - Deputy Director, Hunan Department of Education

Mr. Shu Fangqing - Director of the Hunan Department of Education

Mr. Jun Liu - Driver and coordinator

### **GET FIT MURRAY EVENTS**

**Viewmont Turkey Lurkey Fun Walk/Run**, 745 West 5720 South (Anderson Ave.)

Friday, Nov. 16, 3:15 PM at the school mile course

This one-mile run is for Viewmont 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls to get fit and ready for their turkey dinners. There will be awards and prizes for participants. Parents are invited to watch.

**Family Night at the Park Center** (202 East Murray Park Ave.)

Monday, Nov. 19, 6:30 – 9:30 PM, FREE for the family

The Murray Park Center is offering a night of activities and fun at no cost. Participate in family games a turkey bowl, and other fun events.

**Riverview Turkey Lurkey Fun Walk/Rim**, 751 West Tripp Lane (5755 South)

Thursday, Nov. 20, 3:00 PM, meet at Riverview's back gym

Everyone is invited to Riverview's annual Turkey Lurkey fun one-mile walk/run. After finishing the run, participants will be entered to win prizes. Interested participants should sign up with Mr. Harrison at the school.

**Family Swim Night and Ducky Derby** (Murray Park Center Leisure Pool)

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 7 – 9 PM; Swim session from 7-9 PM; Ducky Derby at 8:50 PM

Admission is \$1 per person and you will receive a rubber duck for drawings of fitness prizes and a Murray Spartan wristband. Swim sessions will accommodate a maximum of 250 people, so be there on time!

### **ENERGYSOLUTIONS MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS**

The EnergySolutions Foundation has launched its scholarship program for the second year. The merit-based scholarship program will select a 10th-grade student at each Utah high school to receive \$2,000 toward a bachelor's degree program in biochemistry, chemistry, ecology, engineering, geology, geophysics, mathematics, meteorology or physics. Last year, MHS student Jordan Lewis was named one of the 118 scholarship honorees during a May banquet at Little America. In addition, three Distinguished Award scholarships of \$25,000, \$5,000 and \$2,500 will be presented again this year. For more info, go to [www.energysolutionsfoundation.org](http://www.energysolutionsfoundation.org).

### **QWEST OFFERS FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Qwest is implementing a new program in which customers can direct 1 percent of their monthly bill to the school district of their choice. To be eligible, customers must enroll in Qwest's paperless billing and automatic payment system by visiting [www.qwest.com](http://www.qwest.com). Once enrolled, they can select any school district within Qwest's 14-state service area as the recipient of their 1 percent donation. For example, a grandparent who lives in Phoenix can direct Qwest to deliver 1 percent of their bill to a grandchild's school district in ... Murray, Utah!

(From 10/30 Deseret Morning News <http://deseretnews.com/article/1,5143,695222976,00.html>)

### **EDUCATOR SHOPPING DAY AT B&N**

Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Murray Barns & Noble Educator Shopping Day

A drawing will be held to win one of the cheesecakes (a whole one, not just a slice!) from the store café and members of the Murray Symphony will also be performing. Savings will be offered to educators with Educator Discount card.

### **MurrE-WEBTIP: KUED READING MARATHON**

Kids are invited to take part in KUED's 15th annual Reading Marathon, being held through Nov. 24. Children aged preschool through fifth grade have different reading goals to meet; details are outlined on a reading log. Participants may read alone, read to someone else, or be read to by another person. Children may pick up a reading log at their public library or check online at <http://www.kued.org/page.php?area=outreach&action=readingMarathon>

### **MurrE-TECHTIP: Technology Work Requests**

District Technology Administrator John Nielson reminds employees about the technology work request assistance procedure for computer or other technology related equipment. If you are having problems with tech equipment, submit a work request by going to the following website: <http://www.myschoolbuilding.com/myschoolbuilding/itdgateway.asp?acctnum=225406220>

At this site you will be asked to type information about yourself and then add additional information about the problem. After inputting this information, you will be asked for a submittal password which is "Murray". These requests will then be routed to the person designated to deal with that specific type of problem. You will receive back an email detailing assignment of the request, the current status, and when the work has been completed. This streamlining of technology work requests is being implemented so that you may be better served. This above Internet link will also be posted on the district web page under District Office at the bottom and on the Technology Web Page. Please add this internet site to your favorites. Here is some additional information for your reference if it needed when submitting a request:

URL: <http://www.myschoolbuilding.com/myschoolbuilding/itdgateway.asp?acctnum=225406220>

Alt. URL: <http://www.myschoolbuilding.com>

Organization Number: 225406220

Password: Murray

### **MCSD ENERGY SAVER OF THE WEEK:**

**11/14 – Mitch McMillan, McMillan Elementary head custodian**

**11/7 – Julie McMillan, MHS librarian**

### **PREVIOUS OUTSTANDING ENERGY SAVERS:**

Trent Asay, Riverview JH head custodian

James Lobato, Riverview JH night custodian

Marcia Meher, Liberty Elementary night custodian

Ginger Brakke, Grant Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher

Darlene Evans, District Office

Kristi Hankins, District Office

Randi Homsobath, District Office

Debbie Otteson, District Office

Joel Kjar, District Technical Support Department

Colleen Nadauld, Viewmont Elementary computer aid

### **DISTRICT CALENDAR REMINDERS:**

11/17 – Swim Meet: MHS home vs Cedar City; 8:30 AM

11/17 – MAG Dance MHS, Commons area, 7 PM

11/18 – National Family Week; families are urged to eat dinner together in and participate in "Family Table Talk"

12/19 – Renaissance MHS Faculty Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, 2 PM at school

11/20 – District Flu Shot Clinic (for MCSD employees) @ DO Boardroom, 3 to 5 PM

11/20 – Swim Meet: MHS home vs Brighton, Hunter, Lone Peak; 6 PM  
 11/21 to 11/23 – THANKSGIVING BREAK  
 11/27 – Swim Meet: MHS vs East, Judge, Orem @ Steiner; 3:30 PM  
 11/29 – MHS Choir Concert, 7 PM  
 12/4 – Swim Meet: MHS vs Highland @ Fairmont; 3:30 PM  
 12/5 – Murray School District Board of Education Meeting, DO, 7 PM  
 12/7 – PTA Reflections Projects Submission Deadline, contact your school PTA for more info  
 12/11 – Swim Meet: MHS home vs Granger; 3:30 PM  
 12/14 – Riverview JH Early Bird Readers Club in library 7:15-7:55 AM; light breakfast & prizes  
 12/18 – Swim Meet: MHS vs West @ Steiner; 3:30 PM  
 12/24/07 to 1/01/08 – WINTER BREAK  
 1/2/08 – School Resumes  
 1/3 – Swim Meet: MHS home vs Cottonwood; 3:30 PM  
 1/8 – Swim Meet: MHS home vs Cyprus; 2:30 PM  
 1/9 – Murray Council PTA Meeting, DO, 10 AM; Board Mtg. 9:30 AM  
 1/10 – (Wednesday) 2nd TERM ENDS (46 days)  
 1/11 – Pinnacle Awards Nomination Deadline, for more info check with school administrators  
 1/11 – Professional Development/Teacher Work Day – No School for Students  
 1/15 – Swim Team Region JV Meet @ Murray; 2:30 PM  
 1/21 – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL  
 1/22 – Swim Team Region Championships @ Murray; 9:30 AM  
 1/24 – Reflections Awards Night, Hillcrest JH  
 1/18 thru 2/1 – Murray Schools Multi-cultural Awareness Week  
 2/1 & 2/2 – Swim Team 4A State Championships @BYU; times TBA  
 2/8 – Riverview JH Early Bird Readers Club in library 7:15-7:55 AM; light breakfast & prizes  
 2/12 & 2/13 – JH Parent-Teacher SEOP Conferences  
 2/13 & 2/14 – MHS Parent-Teacher SEOP Conferences  
 2/15 – Secondary Teacher SEOP Compensatory Day – No School Secondary Schools  
 2/18 – Washington & Lincoln Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL  
 2/19 – Professional Development/Teacher Work Day – No School for Students  
 2/20 – PTA Day at the Utah State Legislature  
 3/6 – MEF 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Pinnacle Awards Banquet, MHS  
 3/20 – (Thursday) 3<sup>rd</sup> TERM ENDS (46 days)  
 3/21 – Professional Development/Teacher Work Day – No School for Students  
 3/24 thru 3/28 – Spring Break Vacation – NO SCHOOL  
 4/8 & 4/10 Elementary Parent-Teacher SEP Conferences  
 4/11 – Elementary Teacher SEP Compensatory Day – No School Elementary Schools  
 4/11 – Riverview JH Early Bird Readers Club in library 7:15-7:55 AM; light breakfast & prizes  
 5/26 – Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL  
 5/30 – (Friday) 4<sup>th</sup> TERM ENDS (44 days)  
**5/30 – Last Day of School**

### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MURRAY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

For more information, contact Denise McDougal at the Murray School District offices, 264-7487; [dmcdougal@murrayschools.org](mailto:dmcdougal@murrayschools.org)

#### **Licensed Openings:**

Biology/Integrated Science – Hillcrest JH (one year contract)

Specifications: Current Secondary Utah Educator License with endorsements in Biology and Integrated Science 8

Salary: 2007-08 Teacher Salary Schedule; full-time contract position for completion of 2007-08 school year only

Closing date: Until filled

#### **Classified Openings:**

Head Girl's Team Golf Coach – MHS

Responsibilities: 2007-08 Spring Season Murray High School Head Golf Coach  
Job Specifications: part-time  
Salary Range: Yearly Stipend  
Closing Date: Until filled

Teaching Assistant III - ESL @ Viewmont Elementary  
Responsibilities: Work with elementary ESL students; assist students in acquiring oral and reading and writing English skills under the direction of classroom teacher; experience in helping children improve reading skills and sensitivity to ELL learners preferred.  
Job Specifications: Part-time; 15 hours per week  
Salary Range: Teaching Assistant III, \$10.78 (entry) to \$12.34 (mid-level)  
Closing Date: Until filled

Hall Supervisor – Hillcrest Junior High  
Responsibilities: Supervise the hallways all day long as well as during lunch periods; loading and unloading of buses, assisting students with locker problems, checking students for hall passes and escorting visitors to the office  
Specifications: 35 hrs per week; retirement benefits included  
Rate: \$8.35 (entry) to \$9.56 (mid-level)  
Closing Date: Until filled

Teaching Assistant II; ISS (In School Suspension) – Longview Elementary  
Job Specifications: 14.5 hours per week  
Salary Range: Teaching Assistant II, \$9.24 (entry) to \$10.58 (mid-level)  
Closing Date: Until filled

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